# Daily Digest

# Senate

## Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2974–2981, and S. Res. 405–406.

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### Measures Reported:

- S. 1733, to create clean energy jobs, promote energy independence, reduce global warming pollution, and transition to a clean energy economy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–121)
- S. 1524, to strengthen the capacity, transparency, and accountability of United States foreign assistance programs to effectively adapt and respond to new challenges of the 21st century, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–122)

Report to accompany S. 369, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market. (S. Rept. No. 111–123)

S. 1749, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the possession or use of cell phones and similar wireless devices by Federal prisoners, with amendments.

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#### Measures Passed:

Freedom of Expression and Press Freedom: Senate agreed to S. Res. 405, reaffirming the centrality of freedom of expression and press freedom as cornerstones of Unites States foreign policy and United States efforts to promote individual rights.

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Honoring Catholic Schools: Senate agreed to S. Res. 406, recognizing the goals of Catholic Schools Week and honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States. Page S448

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13396 on February 7, 2006, with respect to the situation in or in relation to Côte d'Ivoire; which was referred to the Com-

mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-44) Pages \$435-36

Smith Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of M. Patricia Smith, of New York, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 12 p.m., on Thursday, February 4, 2010, and that all post-cloture time be considered expired except for 20 minutes; with that time equally divided and controlled between Senators Harkin and Enzi, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination.

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Johnson Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, February 4, 2010, upon disposition of the nomination of M. Patricia Smith, of New York, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Martha N. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Administrator of General Services, and that there be two hours of debate prior to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon; with the time equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; that upon the use of time, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon; that if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time be yielded back, and Senate then vote on confirmation of the nomination.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Robert William Heun, of Alaska, to be United States Marshal for the District of Alaska for the term of four years.

Willie Lee Richardson, Jr., of Georgia, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Georgia for the term of four years.

- 72 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 9 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 6 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy.

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